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Challenge

“We must try harder to understand their cultures, norms and values. We must be able to look at life, with all its heartache and joy, from their perspective. …in some places we defend the interests of the United States best by defending the right of others to live free, by seeing the world through their eyes and by being the best of all possible ambassadors.”

ADM Mike Mullen

Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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- National Guard SPP established in 1993
- Why: In response to the radically changed world-political-military situation following the collapse of Communism
- Strength: Guard's citizen-soldiers
- Concept: Link NG with democratic nations in cooperative activities of mutual benefit and interest
- Develop across the full spectrum of society

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Overall Objective: Build a “2 Way Bridge between partners," establishing and nurturing bonds of mutual understanding at the grass roots level

Focused Objectives:

- Improve military interoperability
- Demonstrate mil subordination to civil authorities
- Develop democratic institutions
- Foster open market economies
- Share humanitarian values

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- Processes:
  - Executed with National Guard Bureau (NGB), USSOUTHCOM, and Department of State Directives
  - Funding through NGB/USSOUTHCOM/ Department of State/government and private sources in South Dakota
  - Bi-lateral exchanges: information and technology transfer

Types of SPP Cooperation

- Professional Military Education
- Command and Control Command Post Exercises
- Small Unit Exchanges
- Consequence Management
- Environmental Management and Education
- Military Medical Exchanges
- Civilian Medical Exchanges
- Civilian Education Exchanges
- Search and Rescue (Command Post Exercise and Actual)
- Emergency Preparedness
- Counter Drug
- Humanitarian Construction
- Border Control
- Senior Leader Development
- Civic Leader Development
- Public Affairs
- Business partnership

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Benefits to South Dakota and Suriname Citizens

- Increase Economic Opportunities between Partners
- Promote Civilian to Civilian Partnerships
- Share Information and Technology: Agriculture, Medicine, Mining, Education, Public Safety, Tourism, State Government
- Extend Business Opportunities
- Expand Cultural Awareness of Citizens

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Alabama / Romania
Alaska / Mongolia
Arizona / Kazakhstan
Arkansas / Guatemala
California / Ukraine
Colorado / Jordan
Colorado / Slovenia
Connecticut / Uruguay
Delaware / Trinidad-Tobago
District of Columbia / Jamaica
Florida / Venezuela
Florida / Guyana
Georgia / Georgia
Hawaii/Guam / Philippines
Illinois / Poland
Indiana / Slovakia
Kansas / Armenia
Kentucky / Ecuador
Louisiana / Belize
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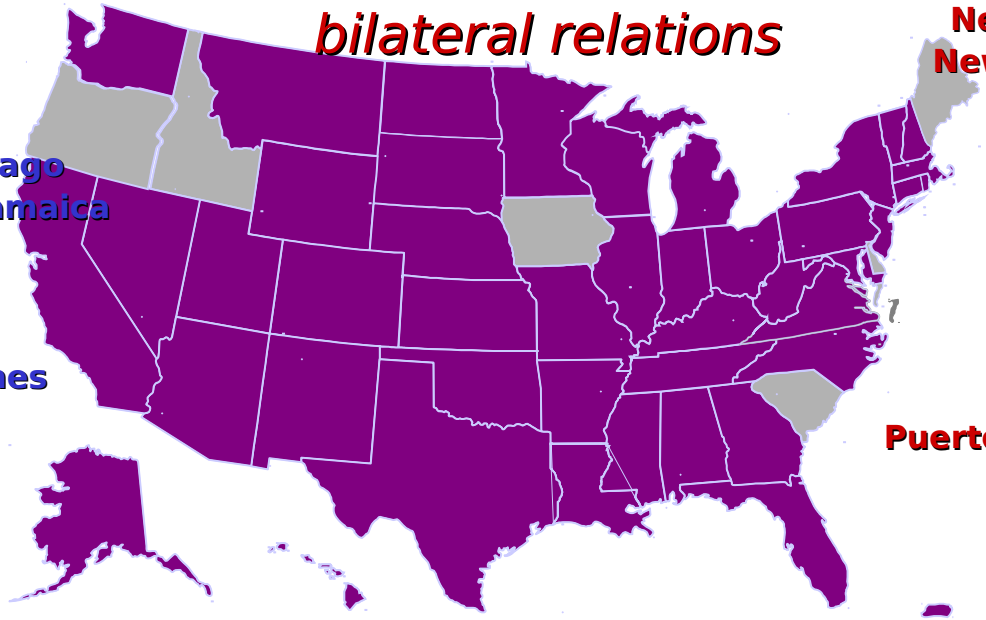
Massachusetts / Paraguay
Michigan / Latvia

Linking American States to Partner Countries for effective bilateral relations



Today 56 countries linked with 44 states, 2 territories and DC

Minnesota / Croatia
Mississippi / Bolivia
Missouri / Panama
Montana / Kyrgyzstan
Nevada / Turkmenistan
New Hampshire / El Salvador
New Jersey/New York / Albania
New Mexico/ Costa Rica
New York / South Africa
North Carolina / Moldova
North Dakota / Ghana
Ohio / Hungary
Oklahoma / Azerbaijan
Pennsylvania / Lithuania
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South Dakota/ Suriname
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Wyoming / Tunisia

■ Participating States

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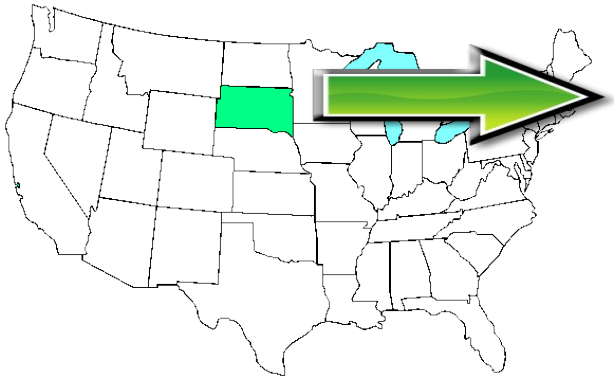

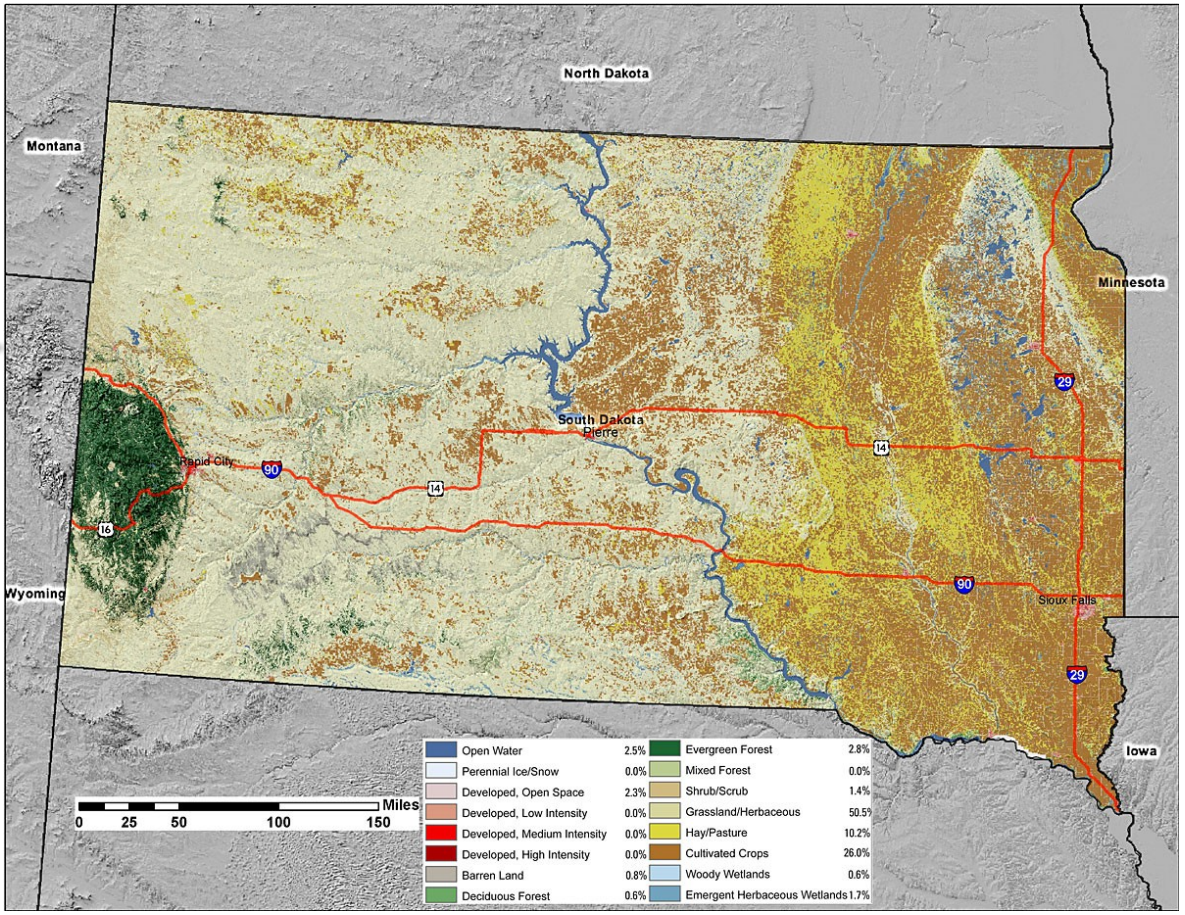

Wyoming & Montana to the West – Minnesota and Iowa to the East – North Dakota to the North-Nebraska to the South

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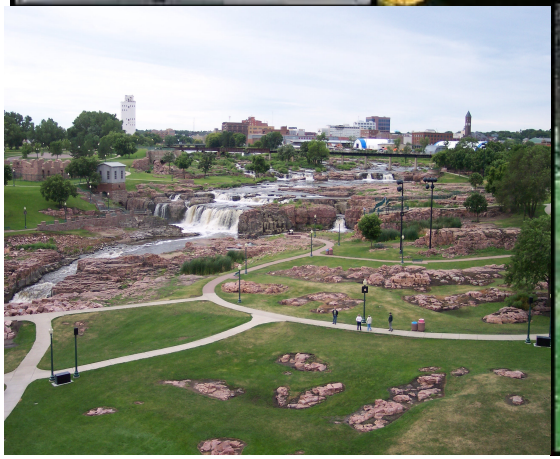
South Dakota Facts

- **Governor:** Mike Rounds (re-elected November 2006)
- **Government:** State Government consisting of 35 Senaters and 70 Representatives-105 total legislators
- **Land area:** 77,163 square miles (slightly larger than Suriname)
- **Population:** 781,919 with an annual growth rate of .7% (2004 estimate)
- **Capital and largest city:** Pierre (Pop: 14,095) & Sioux Falls (Pop: 151,000)
- **Language:** English
- **South Dakota National Guard:** 4,400 members (1,000 Air & 3,400 Army)
- **Terrain:** Fertile plains to shrublands to rugged hills with dense forest
- **Climate:** Four very distinct seasons ranging from typically very cold winters and hot summers.
- **Waterways:** Missouri River is largest and longest. The Cheyenne, James, Big Sioux, and White are other notable rivers.
- **People:** 88.5% white, 8.8% American Indian, 2.1% Hispanic, 0.8% Black, 0.7% Asian, and 2.1% 'other'.
- **Religions:** 86% Christian denomination (largely Lutheran and Roman Catholic), 8% agnostic, 3% faith in a non-Christian religion
- **Education:** Compulsory to 18 yrs of age - literacy rate 99%. State has 15 Universities/Colleges/Technical Schools supporting secondary education needs.

South Dakota Facts

- **Economics:**
  - **GSP:** US $32.3 billion
  - **Natural resources:** Beef, poultry, wheat, corn, wool, soybeans, oats, timber, etc.
  - **Major employers:** Agriculture, financial services, construction, manufacturing, retail trade, education, and health services.

South Dakota



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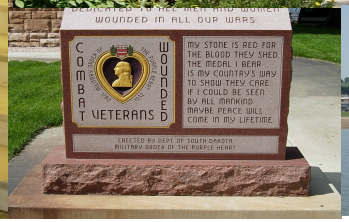
Pierre- South Dakota's Capital


WOUNDED IN ALL OUR WARS
COMBAT VETERANS WOUNDED
MY STONE IS RED FOR THE BLOOD THEY SHED
THE MEDAL I BEAR
IS MY COUNTRY'S WAY
TO SHOW THEY CARE
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Military Exchanges

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Black Hills
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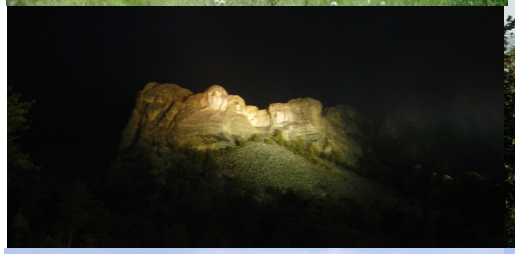

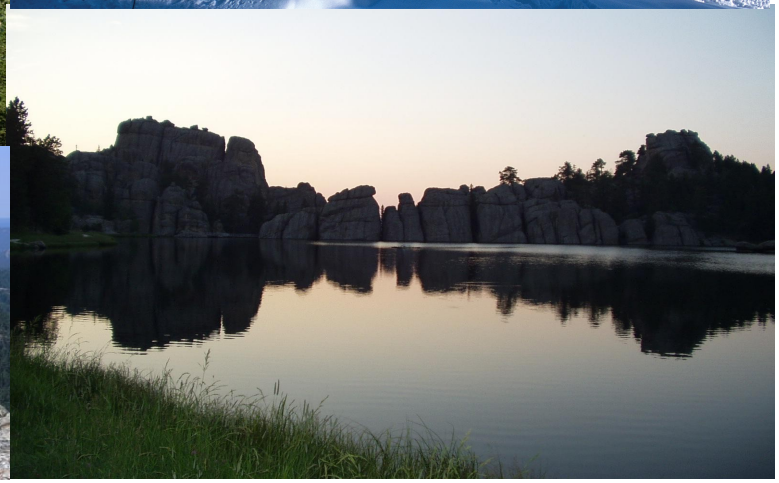

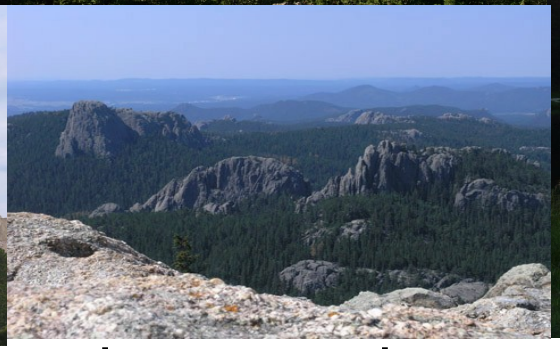

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Badlands

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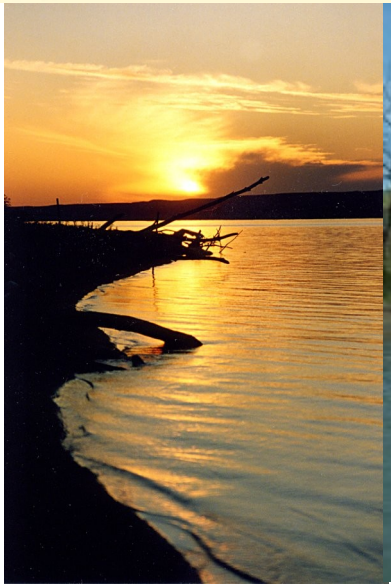
Missouri River



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Status of SPP

- Initial Coordination Visit to Embassy Conducted 20-25 Sep 06
- 24-30 Nov 06 Fact-Finding Trip Conducted
- Initial SD Leader Visit to SUR 14-19 Mar to meet w/Suriname and US Embassy officials
- First SUR Business Visit to SD 9-11 Apr 07
- First Surimanese Armed Forces Visit to SD Jun 07
- Working 1-2 Year Program Development with Partner Nation and SD Organizations
- SDNG Captain working in US Embassy to coordinate events and programs
- Presentations to SD Institutions/Organizations on SPP to develop interest and plan future exchanges

SPP Future Focus

- Economic Development: tourism, trade, training
- Education: faculty, students, research
- Mining: environmental, processes, education
- Medical/Public Health Exchanges
- Military: professional development, exercises
- Small Business Development: agriculture, consumer products
- Business Engagements
- Civic Organization Partnerships: Rotary, Lions, Optimists, Boy/Girl Scouts
- Church and Relief Organizations
- Cultural, Arts, Tribal Exchanges

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Security through Cooperation

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